

**MINUTES OF OFFICERS MEETING  
OF THE  
MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT**

**May 19, 2005**

**The Officers Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to order by Moderator, Peter J. Przekop, at 4:30 p.m. on May 19, 2005.**

**Members present were: Peter Przekop, Neil Collins, Mary Delisio, Sylvester Murano, Joan Przekop and Michelle Vacca. The Solicitor, John P. Toscano Jr. was also present.**

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the Officer's Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2005. It was,**

**VOTED: To accept the Officer's Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2005. (P. Przekop, J. Przekop, Delisio, Vacca, Collins –Yes, Murano-Abstain)**

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the Officer's Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2005. It was,**

**VOTED: To accept the Officer's Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2005. (P. Przekop, J. Przekop, Delisio, Vacca, Collins –Yes, Murano-Abstain)**

**Copies of the Budget Status Sheets through May 18, 2005 (attachment 1), prepared by Treasurer Bill Sisco, were distributed for review.**

**The Tax Collector, Mary Delisio, stated arrears bills were sent out and we now awaiting payments.**

**There was discussion about widow's exemption granted by the Town**

of Westerly and application to the Fire District taxes. Moderator Przekop requested that Syl Murano research all the exemptions the Town grants and what impact it would have on Fire District taxes if the same exemptions were granted for Fire District taxes.

The Solicitor reported that notice was sent to the parties of Caulfield and Murphy regarding a tax sale of their properties if payments are not made by May 31, 2005 (attachment 2).

Upon recommendation of the Solicitor, a motion was made and seconded to retain Commonwealth Title to run the tax sale for the Caulfield and Murphy properties if payment is not received by May 31, 2005. It was,

**VOTED:** To retain Commonwealth Title to run the tax sale for the Caulfield and Murphy properties if payment is not received by May 31, 2005. (P. Przekop, J. Przekop, Delisio, Vacca, Collins, Murano –Yes)

The Moderator provide the following report (attachment 3)

The Moderator provided the reported that letters were sent out to the refuse contractors regarding the Board action taken regarding the bids received. The Moderator also reported that bid letters regarding the Benson Avenue septic system were sent out to contractors bidding on the system repair.

The Chief arrived at the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to propose a two-year extension in the refuse contract allowing cost increases such as fuel. It was,

**VOTED:** To propose a two-year extension in the refuse

contract-allowing cost increases such as fuel. (P. Przekop, J. Przekop, Delisio, Vacca, Murano –Yes, Collins-No, Misto-Abstain)

The Moderator reported that some estimates were received from Mansfield Insurance for increasing the beach liability in response to a request from Syl Murano. To go from \$2 million to \$3 million would be approximately an additional \$1500. To go from \$2 million to \$5 million would be approximately an additional \$6500, almost double the cost of the policy.

A motion was made and seconded to increase beach liability from \$2 million to \$3 million. It was,

VOTED: To increase beach liability from \$2 million to \$3 million. (P. Przekop, J. Przekop, Delisio, Vacca, Murano, Misto-Yes)

The cost of the Benson Avenue septic system will be almost \$36,000.00. Design-\$5000.00, Installation-approximately \$28,000.00, Inspections-approximately \$1800.00, Miscellaneous (permits, recording fees, etc.)-\$700.00.

The beach staffing is almost complete. There will be 10 new employees.

The septic system preconstruction meeting was held, the plants removed from the garden and work was started on May 18, 2005. Completion will be completed by Memorial Day.

Chief Louis Misto reported that a \$1000.00 grant from the State of RI was received and that the department has 5 new members.

Discussion followed regarding the number of Watch Hill calls that have been made in the past two years. Currently the number of

Watch Hill Fire District call-outs made since July 1, 2004 exceed the number of Misquamicut Fire District call-outs. Watch Hill doesn't appear to have the support needed to respond and Misquamicut has been supporting them with mutual aid for approximately 2 years. Chief Misto stated that Misquamicut automatically responds to all Watch Hill calls and does not wait to see if there is a Watch Hill response first. In some cases Watch Hill has responded to the Misquamicut Fire District and would automatically respond if the call involved some of our larger businesses.

It was the Board consensus that the Moderator arrange a meeting with the Watch Hill Moderator regarding this issue. Attendance at the meeting would be the Misquamicut Moderator, Fire Chief and Solicitor and the Watch Hill Moderator, Fire Chief and others as the deemed necessary.

Moderator Przekop reported that a Firefighter Incentive Program Review Committee was appointed with Michelle Vacca as the Chairperson. Guidance was provided to Michelle for the committee work (attachment 4). The first meeting of the committee will be on May 20, 2005.

Moderator Przekop briefly reviewed 2004 Annual Meeting Follow-up items listed on the agenda. All appear to be covered. A request was made for topics for the Westerly Town Council Neighborhood Meeting on June 18, 2005.

Moderator Przekop also discussed a proposed agenda for the Annual

**District Meeting (attachment 5). Some minor changes were recommended.**

**The proposed 2005-2006 budget (attachment 6) was passed out. Any questions that Officers have regarding the budget should be resolved before the Annual Meeting.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joan C. Przekop  
District Clerk**

**Attachments:**

- 1. Budget Status Sheets through March 17, 2005.**
- 2. Tax Sale Letters to Caulfield and Murphy**
- 3. Moderator Report**
- 4. Firefighter Incentive Program Review Committee Guidance**
- 5. Proposed Annual Meeting Agenda**
- 6. 2005-2006 Proposed Budget**